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BERND GALLENKAMP ET AL ) PCT/EP2004/006607  
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TITLE: METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
DIFLUORO-ACETYL ACETIC )  
ACID ALKYL ESTERS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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